

REMARKS

Claim 1 was amended to eliminate the second, fourth, and fifth paragraphs containing the structures for raised locking ridges, locking ring, and peripheral tabs.

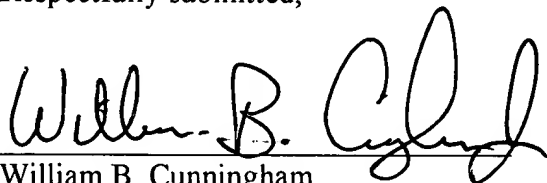
Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were amended to rename the invention as a "prosthesis" instead of "an acetabular component."

Claim 6 was deleted to properly place this dependent claim into position after new independent claim 8.

Claims 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, were added to properly define the optional characteristics of the invention.

In view of the above, and the declaration and oath of the inventor indicating the existence of errors, and the reasons therefore, within the U.S. Patent 5,766,260, favorable consideration and a notice of allowability of claims 1-5 and 7-12 are respectfully solicited.

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